permanent Judges and 4 Additional Judges are in position. The process of consultation among the concerned Constitutional authorities for filling up the vacancies of Judges in the Delhi High Court is on.

The information regarding Lower Courts in Delhi is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House after it has been received.

(c) and (d) A statement showing the number of vacancies of Judges in each High Court of the country as on 1-11-1991 is annexed (*See below*). The process of consultation among the concerned Constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies of Judges in the High Courts is on.

Statement

S. No.	High Court	Vacancies as on 1.11.1991
1.	Allahabad	11
2.	Andhra Pradesh	6
3.	Bombay	7
4.	Calcutta	6
5.	Delhi	4
6.	Gauhati	—
7.	Gujarat	1
8.	Himachal Pradesh	—
9.	Jaamu and Kashmir	—
10.	Karnataka	5
11.	Kerala	2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7
13.	Madras	3
14.	Orissa	—
15.	Patna	5
16.	Punjab and Haryana	2
17.	Rajasthan	—
18.	Sikkim	1
	TOTAL	60

Supreme Court judgement an Anti-defection law

451. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the various aspects of the Supreme Court judgement delivered on the 12th November, 1991 on the anti-defection law; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, particularly to the Court decision holding that the decisions of the Presiding Officers under the law could be subjected to judicial review and would not be final under law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The copy of the judgement of the Supreme Court delivered on the anti-defection law is being made available to us in a couple of days. It requires detailed examination for any reaction thereto.

Conferring Powers of Court of Records in MRTPC

452. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to inadequate powers with the MRTPC, the violations are increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to grant MRTPC the status of a Court of Records and empower it to prosecute parties violating its order; and

(c) if so, by when a decision to empower MRTPC to prosecute parties violating its orders would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) There has been an increase in the number of violations of the MRTP Commissions orders. At present, the Commission can launch prosecution proceedings for violation of its orders by filing a complaint in the Court of Sessions. The Commission has recently asked the Government to declare it as a Court of Record by a suitable amendment in the MRTP Act. The Government is seriously considering giving powers of contempt to the MRTPC.

Supreme Court Judgement on the petition of All India Judges Association

453. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the judegment of the Supreme Court given recently on the petition of the All India Judges Association; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to the directions contained in this judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) A copy of the judgement is being awaited for which an application has been made to the Supreme Court. This will be studied on receipt of the same. It may also be mentioned that, apart from the Central Government the State Governments are also parties who may be required to take action.

Clearance to Tehri Dam Project

@454. SHRI PARMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given final clearance to the Tehri Dam Project; if so, when was the clearance given;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are reconsidering the entire project after the recent earthquake in and around Uttar Kashi; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Government had, in November, 1986, decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Project Complex (2400 MW), which includes Tehri Dam Project, as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and to seek Soviet technical and financial assistance for the same. There has been no change in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Toning up of functioning of power Generation Projects in the country

455. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER

@Previously Unstarred Question 85, transferred from 20th November, 1991.